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1. ALLEN PIZZEY, REPORTER FOR THE JOHANNESBURG STAR (PROTECT) INFORMED

EMBOFF THAT ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE PARAMILITARY UNIT RAIDED DISSIDENT ZULUS LIVING ON SWAZI SIDE OF SWAZI-SOUTH AFRICAN-MOZAMBIQUE BORDER ON APRIL 14. ACCORDING TO PIZZEY, WHO WITNESSED THE OPERATION, RSP ARRESTED CHIEF NTUNJA AND FIVE OF HIS FOLLOWERS AND CONFISCATED ARMS. PIZZEY STATED THAT RSP ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE BELL INFORMED HIM THAT SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES CONDUCTED OPERATION TO CONCIDE WITH SWAZI SWEEP.

2. THE ZULU REFUGEES, WHO CROSSED INTO SWAZILAND IN THE WINTER OF 1974-1975 OVER AN INTER-TRIBAL DISPUTE, HAVE BEEN A CONSTANT SOURCE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GOS IN ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

SWAZILAND HAS SOUGHT TO HELP THE SAG NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW THE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA, BUT TO NO AVAIL. SINCE THE EXILES LEFT SOUTH AFRICA, THERE HAS BEEN RAIDING AND CATTLE THEFTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER, AS WELL AS RECURRENT, IF UNSUPPORTED, REPORTS OF KILLINGS.

3. COMMENT: THE REPORT OF THE COORDINATED SWAZI-SOUTH AFRICAN SWEEP (IF TRUE) DEMONSTRATES THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOS AND SAG POLICE FORCES, AS WELL AS THE DESIRE OF THE GOS TO END THIS SIMMERING DESPUTE.

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